

# Frostburg Girl Escapes College Fire

Patricia Irwin Calls Parents After Being Evacuated

A Frostburg student was one of the 250 coeds who fled to safety early this morning when fire destroyed two main buildings at Lake Erie College, a girls' school at Painesville, Ohio.

She was Miss Patricia Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Irwin, a 1956 graduate of Beall High School.

She called her parents this morning and told them she lost all of her possessions and clothes except the pajamas and coat she was wearing.

Miss Irwin and the other girls were forced to flee as temperatures dipped to below freezing levels.

Officials of the school said they were certain that all the girls had been evacuated from College Hall, a four-story brick and frame dormitory which housed 225 girls, and from rooms above the chapel.

The fire broke out about 2:30 a.m. and an hour later College Hall had been razed and the flames had spread to the adjoining five-story administration and classroom building.

The fire was believed to have started in the lower portion of the chapel, upper floors of which were used as a dormitory. A school official said it might have started from a short circuit in the wiring.



COLLEGE FIRE SCENE—Patricia Irwin of Frostburg escaped injury last night when a fire destroyed two main buildings at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio. A freshman at the college, Miss Irwin resided in a dormitory adjacent to the gutted century-old chapel pictured above. The Beall High graduate and 250 coeds escaped from the burning buildings in their night clothes. Some of the students are seen looking at the destroyed chapel. Miss Irwin is shown on the right.

# Bond Ruling Explained By Chief Judge

An opinion has been filed by Chief Judge George Henderson concerning his ruling that Section 248 of Article One of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County is unconstitutional.

This section was passed by the General Assembly in 1953 when the entire charter of the City of Frostburg was amended. This provided that to encourage industrial development in the City of Frostburg, the city shall have the power to purchase property and to construct or reconstruct buildings to be used by manufacturing companies agreeing to locate in Frostburg.

Called For Election

Under the purported authority of Section 248, the City of Frostburg, passed Ordinance 488 providing for a special referendum March 30 to enable the voters of Frostburg to pass on the question of whether the city should be authorized to issue not more than \$100,000 in bonds for obtaining a site and contributing to the construction of a building for a garment factory for the Cumberland Undergarment Company.

Several weeks ago Judge Henderson issued a decree declaring Section 248 unconstitutional and restraining the holding of the special election.

An amended decree later was passed permanently restraining and enjoining the defendants from taking any further proceedings or holding any future elections under Section 248.

In his opinion, Judge Henderson cites several other Maryland decisions concerning the question of what is a public purpose for which tax money can be used. He mentioned two statutes authorizing the transportation of parochial school children at public expense. Both were held proper.

Not Public Purpose

Judge Henderson also cited a Court of Appeals decision concerning a \$100,000 county appropriation to the Allegany Hospital of the Sisters of Charity (now Sacred Heart Hospital). In that case the Court of Appeals said the maintenance of a hospital has long been considered a public purpose and therefore the appropriation should be considered proper as in furtherance of a public purpose even though to a private corporation.

However, in the Frostburg case he says the direct aid is to one or more commercial enterprises which are run for profit, not as a public charity. There are no instances in Maryland where such an indirect aid to a community by a direct aid to a private business has been held proper.

"It is not necessary to discuss cases outside of Maryland, since our Court of Appeals has so positively stated that it is unconstitutional to use tax funds for other than public purposes. And it is self evident that assistance to the operation of a privately owned garment factory is not a public purpose," Judge Henderson concludes.

# Youths Face Hearing On Local Fire Scare

Two young boys who set off a live scare last night when they lit a smoke pot in the men's wash room at the bus terminal will be given hearings next week in Juvenile Court.

One of the boys was arrested by Police Officer Harry Iser when he was identified as one of two who had entered the wash room before the smoke began seeping out. The aerial ladder struck of Central Fire Station responded to the alarm.

# Obituary

CHANEY — Karen S., infant, Home by Paul W. Hosse of the Church of Christ, Interment was in Hillcrest Burial Park.

SURVIVING, besides her parents, are a brother, Robert, the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chaney, this city, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Freeman, of Mrs. Lou B. Cummings.

THOMAS — Mrs. Lou Bertha Cummings, 82, died yesterday at her home in Cocketon.

Born at Petersburg, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Nancy (Robey) Wolfe, and the widow of Franklin B. Cummings.

Surviving are three sons, Robert L. and Hugh C. Cummings, both at home, and Harry S. Cummings, Thomas, a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Adams, Thomas, two brothers, Emory Wolfe, Bismarck, and William Wolfe, Greenland, a sister, Mrs. Mary Hawk, Bismarck, 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The body will remain at the home of her sister until noon Monday when it will be taken to the Duncan Funeral Home for services at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. A. B. Mann, pastor of Thomas Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Services for Charles E. Hast, 43, of 928 Kent Avenue, who died yesterday in Memorial Hospital, will be conducted Monday at 2 p. m. at the Scarcelli Funeral Home by Rev. Carl H. Clapp, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Reformed Church. Interment will be in Hillcrest Burial Park.

Palbearers will be William Seiler, Claude Swartley, Lee Fuller, Clarence Robinette, Frank Duncan, Edward Belfoure and Samuel Brady.

John B. Jollet

KEYSER — John B. Jollet, 90, died April 6 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Long, Baltimore.

Survivors, besides Mrs. Long, include another daughter, Mrs. Bessie Stanley, Keyser.

Services and interment took place Tuesday in Baltimore.

To Meet Wednesday

The Allegany-Garrett County Tuberculosis Association will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. in the association's office at 111 Union Street, according to Mrs. Stanley Buckley, president.

Reports will be presented by Miss Jean Reinhard, executive secretary, and Joseph M. Naughton, treasurer, and action will be taken on the tentative budget and program for the fiscal year which began April 1.

Karen S. Chaney

Services for Karen S. Chaney, six-month-old daughter of Robert D. and Maureen (Freeman) Chaney, who died yesterday at the Syracuse (N. Y.) Air Force Base hospital, were conducted this afternoon at the Kight Funeral Home.

# Mayor Eves Presented City Historical Data

Mayor Roy W. Eves today presented some historical data concerning city operations a century ago, with the request that the items be turned over to the Allegany County Historical Society when he is finished with them.

The items, presented by Isaac Hirsch, father of the city's commission form of government, included a bound copy of the "Collection of Ordinances by the Mayor and Council of Cumberland, 1856," and lists of the Standing Committees of the City Council for 1859 and 1860.

The Collection of Ordinances was printed by Aza Beall, who operated a printing establishment on McKaig's Block of Baltimore Street. Joseph H. Tucker was then the mayor, while the ordinance committee was composed of Thomas Devocon, Jesse Korns and John B. Widener.

The 1859 standing committees were: Ogle, Widener and Jesse Korns, ordinances; Luman, Resley and Henry Korns, printing; Ogle, Resley and Widener, finance; Ogle, Resley, Widener and J. Korns, accounts; J. Korns, Luman and Widener, streets and alleys.

Committees in the following year included Ogle, Cassen and Ogle, ordinances; Ogle, Snider, Ogle and Smith, printing; Resley, Ogle and Snider, finance; Ogle, Resley and Smith, accounts; Cassen, Smith and Snider, streets and alleys.

Smith, Ogle and Cassen, market house; Cassen, Ogle and Smith, fire department; Resley, Smith and Ogle, petitions; Ogle, Cassen, gas and lamp.

The printing of the committee lists for the two years was done by the Civilian and Telegraph.



# Gas Company Wins Verdict

The Cumberland and Allegany Gas Company yesterday was awarded a \$1,700 verdict by Associate Judge Morgan C. Harris in Allegany County Circuit Court for damage to a tractor equipped with backhoe and industrial loader.

Frederick J. Neff, a C&A Gas Company employee, was operating the tractor along State Route 135 between Westernport and Luke last July 27 when it was struck by an automobile owned by John Leonard Smith and driven by John Darrall Smith, son, both of Beryl, W. Va.

The gas company had brought a \$2,500 suit against the Smiths. Judge Harris dismissed the case insofar as it applied to the father, but awarded the \$1,700 verdict against the son.

James Alfred Avirett was attorney for the gas company and Thomas Lohr Richards represented the Smiths.

# Permits Granted For Construction

The City Engineer's office this morning issued three building permits, two of them for dwellings and the other for an addition to a business establishment.

The Feldstein Iron and Metal Works was issued a permit for the construction of a one-story addition to a welding shop building. The addition is to be 30 feet by 68 feet and of concrete block construction. The work to be done by Orrie Sensabaugh, is expected to cost \$4,900.

Dwelling permits were issued to Charles W. Valentine, for a one-story home on Blackstone Avenue, and to David E. Whisner, for a one-story home on Potomac Street.

The Valentine dwelling is to be 38 feet by 28 feet, with a concrete block foundation and walls of frame and brick veneer. Cost is estimated at \$8,500 and the home will be constructed by the owner.

Whisner's home is to be 42 feet by 28 feet, of concrete block foundation and with brick veneer sides. Leonard N. Gillespie will construct the dwelling at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

# Lutheran Church Confirmation Set

A class of 10 young people will be received into membership of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation at the 10:45 a. m. service tomorrow.

Rev. G. A. Wagner, pastor, said the candidates have concluded two years of instruction in the chief doctrines of the church and have been qualified to be examined on their knowledge of Christian religion.

This will be the last class to be confirmed here by Rev. Mr. Wagner. He has accepted a call to become pastor of Martin Lutheran Church in Baltimore and will leave Cumberland on May 5.

The members of the class are: Bonnie L. Brown, Raymond L. Fogle, George Willison Fogle, Pamela S. George, Donna F. Haines, Alice L. Hunter, Dorothy A. Kieffer, Michael E. Hadra and George E. Smith.

# Accident Toll Increases In Cumberland

Loss Also Advances According To Report By City Officers

Automobile accidents within the city limits during 1956 were costly, according to figures compiled by Mrs. Vivian Turley, clerk of the Cumberland Traffic Department.

Mrs. Turley's annual report reveals that \$94,440 in property damage was caused during 1956, an increase of \$12,456 over the 1955 total of \$81,984.

The damage was caused in 354 accidents, while only 347 mishaps occurred during the previous 12-month period.

One Man Killed

The crashes during 1956 also claimed the life of one man and caused injuries to 123 persons. A total of 135 sustained injuries in 1955.

The lone auto fatality occurred on January 3 when George Leyh was struck by a bus while walking along the highway at the Narrows, just within the city limits.

A total of 635 vehicles were involved in the mishaps, with City Police investigating 253 of the crashes. Motorists filled out 375 accident reports during the year.

Seventy-five persons were injured in motor vehicle accidents, six in bicycle mishaps and 42 in pedestrian accidents, according to the figures.

December was the worst month for crashes with 45 reported, followed by November with 36 and May with 33. Other accidents by the months were January 26, February 28, March 30, April 24, June 30, July 24, August 22, September 30 and October 25.

7,560 Parking Tickets

During the months of July, September and November 13 persons were injured in motor vehicle accidents each month.

Mrs. Turley's report also reveals that 30 fixed objects were struck, five vehicles ran off the streets and property damage was caused in 304 crashes.

During the past year a total of 7,560 parking tickets were issued by local police. The highest figure was in January when 857 tags were handed out, while the lowest month was June with only 360 tickets issued.

Also during 1956 a total of 9,074 tickets were issued on courtesy meters.

The year 1955 saw 6,251 parking tickets being issued, and 8,085 tagged on courtesy meters.

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# Women Plan United Fund Drive Talks

Fifty representative women of Allegany County who work in fund raising campaigns have been invited to meet Wednesday at 1 p. m. in the Fort Cumberland Hotel to discuss the County United Fund movement.

Dr. Lillian C. Compton, chairman of the residential solicitation committee of the County United Fund, said although only 50 invitations have been mailed, any woman who is interested may attend.

An overall view of progress on the County United Fund will be given Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at a meeting of the fund's executive committee.

The meeting will be held in the board of directors room on the second floor of the Liberty Trust Building.

Reports will be given for the admissions committee by Joseph M. Miller, the allocations committee by J. Kenneth Morgan and labor and management committee by Hudson Nix.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., Mr. Miller and members of the admissions committee have been invited to meet with the executive committee of the Allegany-Garrett County Heart Association.

Attitudes of the Heart Association and the United Fund toward federated giving will be discussed.

Several weeks ago, the Heart Association, through its national representative, reported that no local chapters may join a United Fund, according to Thomas W. Miller, organization director for the County United Fund, although he asserted that over 53 per cent of all local Heart chapters are now participating in United Funds throughout the country.

This policy affecting new affiliation, Miller said, is a recent departure from previous recommended policy.

He reported that local chapters, however, have the right to request national approval to join a local UF.

# Work Injury Fatal To Man

John Billy, 43, of Meyersdale, Pa., died yesterday in Community Hospital there of injuries suffered Thursday in an accident while working at his home.

Billy, attaches said, was critically hurt when a tree he was cutting down backslashed and struck him on the head. The mishap occurred on his farm, located about seven miles from Meyersdale, and was investigated by Robert H. Halverson, Somerset County coroner.

He was born January 10, 1914 at Homestead, Pa., a son of Elizabeth (Tonko) Billy and the late George Billy.

Mr. Billy was employed by the Prantz Distilling Company. He had been a member of Meyersdale Joint School District for eight years and was a former fire chief in Munhall, Pa. He also was a member of the Greek Orthodox Catholic Church.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his widow, Helen Marie (Burley) Billy; three children, John V., George R. and Margaret Elizabeth, all at home; two brothers, Warrant Officer George Billy, Oklahama, and Michael Billy, Munhall, and a sister, Mrs. Andrew Hanchalak, Munhall.

The body is at the Price Funeral Home, Meyersdale, where services will be conducted tomorrow at 4 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Molchaney, of Homestead. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Meyersdale.

# Church Slates Rites For Week

A series of sermons will be delivered at First Evangelical United Brethren Church during Holy Week by Rev. Dr. E. E. Miller, pastor.

Services will begin each evening except Saturday at 7:30 o'clock. The various sermons include: "Leaves Only," on Monday; "Jesus Silences His Questions," Tuesday.

"Jesus In Retirement," Wednesday; "The Lord's Supper," Thursday; "Christ's Death," Friday, and "The Resurrection of Christ," on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Charles W. Raley will be in charge of the music.

# Woman Marks 20 Years With Social Security

Mrs. Edna D. Loper, Winchester Road, yesterday completed 20 years of continuous service in the local office of the Social Security Administration.

Mrs. Loper recalled that when the first office here was opened in 1937 there were only about three claims a week processed, in comparison with about 200 a week at present. She has worked under seven office managers in her time of service.

# Capon Bridge Serviceman Dies In Navy Plane Crash

A 22-year-old Capon Bridge serviceman was one of six members of the crew of a Navy bomber who died yesterday in the flaming wreckage of their craft which crashed on a routine training mission at Brunswick, Maine.

He is AB 3/c Donald R. Shobe, son of William J. and Edna (Poland) Shobe, Capon Bridge.

Navy spokesmen said the victims were members of VP 26, an antisubmarine squadron stationed at Brunswick. Officials said the giant Lockheed Neptune crashed after a "touch and go landing."

The ship reportedly landed on the north end of the Navy base runway, touched its wheels and was cleared for takeoff without stopping. The ship rolled to the south end of the runway, became airborne and when several hundred feet in the air, suddenly veered to the left and crashed into a clump of 40-foot pine trees.

The million-dollar craft, said to be loaded with "adequate but not full" gas tanks, exploded when it hit. The Navy is conducting an inquiry into the cause of the crash.

The Maine fatal accident was one of two such Navy mishaps yesterday in the New England area.

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# Divorce Granted

Benjamin E. May has obtained a divorce in Allegany County Circuit Court from Ada May.

# Equity Suit Filed

Geraldine Blanche Nichol yesterday filed an equity suit against William Marshall Nichol in Allegany County Circuit Court.

# Articles Will Feature Holy Land Famous Sites

HEROD'S TEMPLE in Jerusalem—where the Child Jesus astonished learned doctors with His wisdom — was destroyed nearly 2,000 years ago.

But a magnificent structure stands on that very spot today. It is the "Dome of the Rock," the holiest place in Islam and erected by Moslems over the very stone upon which Jewish priests offered sacrifices to Jehovah at the time of Christ.

You can visit this historic location and others which played important parts in the life of Christ by following "He Was Here," a Holy Land journey to five famous Biblical scenes. The first story, a sensitive study of the modern appearance of the Temple site Christ visited as a boy of 12, will appear in Monday's Cumberland Evening Times.

Other articles will describe the 40 days and triumphantly fasted in the Satan's temptations; the dusty the weekly luncheon meeting of the Cumberland Rotary Club Tuesday at 12:15 p. m. at Central YMCA.

# Cooties Install Officer Slate

Fred W. Steward of Keyser has been installed as seam squirrel, or presiding officer, of Pup Tent 12, Military Order of Cooties.

Other officers are Robert E. Dorsey of Keyser, blanket bum; James Edwards of Keyser, blanket bum; James H. Darling, this city, crummy keeper of the duffle bag; Harry Reiber, this city, hungry nit; Charles Briley of Keyser, spy pilot, and John Diehl, this city, who will be installed April 27 as commander of Henry Hart Post 1411, Veterans of Foreign Wars, shyster.

The Cooties endorsed Richard Tasker of Keyser for grand or supreme inspector. Reiber, as state hide gimlet of the Cooties, served as installing officer.

# Bro. Nicholas Named Leader Of Cave Group

LaSalle High Faculty Member Selected At National Meeting

Brother G. Nicholas, F. S. C., member of the faculty of LaSalle High School, yesterday was elected president of the National Speleological Society by unanimous vote.

The organization is holding its annual convention at Natural Bridge, Va. Brother Nicholas said 300 member cave explorers are attending the sessions which began Thursday and will end tomorrow.

The Christian Brother who has taught biology, chemistry and physics here several years has made a name for himself nationally in the cave exploring field.

Led Expeditions

He has led many expeditions to caves in this section and has discovered a number which had been uncharted previously.

Brother Nicholas reported from Natural Bridge today that other officers elected were:

Thomas C. Barr of the Department of Biology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., vice president.

George W. Moore of the Department of Geology of Yale University, vice president for administrative duties.

Others Elected

George P. Jackson, Trenton, N. J., vice president for public relations.

Dr. Oscar Hawksley, professor of biology at Central Missouri State College, vice president for organization.

Mrs. Dorothy Reville, of the New York Zoological Garden, vice president for public relations.

Burton S. Faust, U. S. Patent Office, Washington, treasurer.

Brother Nicholas succeeds as president William E. Eades who spoke at the LaSalle athletic dinner last year.

He added that the 1958 convention will be held in Gallatinburg, Tenn.

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# Good Friday Services Set

A three-hour service from noon to 3 p. m. will be held at Centre Street Methodist Church on Good Friday, Rev. Dr. Howard M. Amoss, pastor, said today.

Dr. Amoss will be in charge of the service with seven local ministers delivering meditations on the "The Seven Last Words." Participating will be Rev. Jacob H. Snyder, Kingsley Methodist Church; Rev. W. W. Patterson, LeValle Methodist Church; Rev. Carl H. Clapp, St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church; Rev. Harold L. May, Calvary Methodist Church; Rev. V. Carl Johnson Jr., First Christian Church; Rev. John F. Sammel, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; and Rev. Paul Conley, Centre Street Methodist Church.

Rev. Amoss said a Holy Communion service will be held Holy Thursday at 7:30 p. m. He will speak on "The Power That Heals, Lasts, Lifts."

The final Lenten service Wednesday will be "His One Day of Silence."

# Presbyterians Plan Services

Two services have been scheduled this coming week at First Presbyterian Church in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Rev. Maurice D. Robertson, pastor, said Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. will be a communion preparatory service with the topic being "The Purpose of the Sacraments."

Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p. m. will be a communion service with the rite of confirmation and the reception of new members.

The pastor's subject will be "The Meaning of Forgiveness." Easter Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 11 a. m. the sermon subject will be "The Final Victory."

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